## House Resolution No. 2862

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State athletic programs which admirably emphasize the highest standards of teamwork, sportsmanship, training, determination, and drive throughout the competitive season; and

Whereas, Springfield Homeschool Knights is an organized sports program that provides homeschool youth with the opportunity to participate in competitive sports, to develop physical and mental discipline, and to practice good sportsmanship in a Christlike manner; and

Whereas, since its beginning in 1995 as a single boys basketball team with a cheerleading squad, Springfield Homeschool Knights has grown to become the most comprehensive homeschool athletic organization in the greater Springfield area and to offer baseball, volleyball, boys and girls basketball, cheerleading, 8-man football, and track to more than one hundred homeschool students in grades six through twelve; and

Whereas, the Springfield Homeschool Knights fielded junior high boys and girls, varsity boys and girls, and junior varsity boys basketball teams which competed against 3,000 players in 248 teams from twenty-five states at the annual National Christian Homeschool Basketball Tournament which was held in March 2005 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

**Whereas**, the junior varsity boys basketball team took Second Place in the 4A bracket at the National Christian Homeschool Tournament to end the season with a 29-11 overall win-loss record and a 25-7 win-loss record against junior varsity teams; and

**Whereas**, the varsity boys basketball team captured Second Place in the 3A bracket to end the season with a 24-21 win-loss record; and

**Whereas**, under the direction of Athletic Director Loren Hunt, the junior varsity basketball Knights were coached in 2005 by Jody Thomason and the varsity boys basketball team was coached by Josh Brown and Chuck Eastman:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar competitive season enjoyed by the Springfield Homeschool Knights varsity and junior varsity basketball teams and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal, academic, and athletic success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Springfield Homeschool Knights.

Representative Bob Dixon District No. 140

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2862, adopted May 3, 2005.